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To: KalispelTribe

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Re: EPACleanAirRedesignationClassIItoClassIComments

My comments about the Kalispel Tribe of Indians reservation at Usk, WA, redesignating to a Class I Clean Air entity:

1. My name is (b) (6) I live (b) (6)
(b) (6) My family has enjoyed (b) (6)
(b) (6) since 1961. By June 1, 2017, (b) (6) I have difficulty
breathing, especially when my neighbors are producing smoke and pollutants. We
sit in a flood plain valley where foggy weather inversions and stagnant air frequently
welcomes us to each new day, in a rural setting. What wind we have usually blows
in from the direction of a 40 year old paper newsprint mill in Usk, WA, with a South
South Westerly wind.
2. Past air pollution at my home from 1961 to 1980 came from fires, slash, wood,
leaves, trash burning and autos. With the paper mill, came sometimes stinky
pollutants at night, but today's air pollution here is still from smoke.
3. My state, county and town government officials are pushing hard for more tax
revenues related to increased jobs and property values, planning commercial and
industrial developments immediately South of me. I resist most of those efforts and
deeply respect the traditional rural culture and lifestyle, along with the expertise in
the protection of these traditions by the Kalispel Tribe.
4. Although a sovereign nation, the Kalispel reservation's activities have culturally and
economically benefited the surrounding agricultural and recreational community
tremendously. Their vision has been spot-on.

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